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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Saturday, 4 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

9.30 a.m.- 12.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
2 p.m.- 5 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

Monday, 6 October 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Briefing by Mr. Kieran Prendergast, Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs

Central African Republic (S/1997/759)

Sierra Leone

Briefing by Mr. Yasushi Akashi, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs

Iraq (S/1997/740)

Other matters

The provisional list of speakers (No. 7) for the general debate of the fifty-second session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Secretariat Services Branch (room S-3670).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. 25th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Glafcos Clerides, President of the Republic of Cyprus.
2. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   San Marino

   Azerbaijan

   Barbados

   Djibouti

   Mongolia

   Gambia

3 p.m. 26th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Guinea-Bissau

Bhutan

Suriname

Botswana

Grenada

Consultations of the President of the General Assembly on the organization of work of the fifty-second session of the Assembly

The President of the General Assembly has held consultations on the organization of work of the fifty-second session of the Assembly, in particular on agenda item 157 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals), with the Chairmen of regional groups on Thursday, 2 October, and with the Vice-Presidents of the Assembly on Friday, 3 October.

The President will also hold a meeting with the Chairmen of the Main Committees on Monday, 6 October, at 9:15 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Agenda items 18, 90, 91, 92 and 12 and 93

   General debate on all decolonization items: item 18 (A/52/23 (Parts II, V-VI), A/AC.109/2071-2072, 2074-2078, 2080-2082, 2084, 2086-2088, 2090); item 90 (A/52/23 (Part IV)*, chapter VIII, A/52/365); item 91 (A/52/23 (Part III)*; item 92 (A/52/3* (chapter V, section E), A/52/23 (Part IV)*, chapter VII, A/52/185, A/AC.109/L.1866, E/1987/81 and Add.1); item 93 (A/52/388)

2. Requests for hearing (A/C.4/52/2 and Add.1-5, A/C.4/52/4)

* To be issued.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 3

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [142]

(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Third party liability; Reform of procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States regarding contingent-owned equipment; Detailed proposals on the implementation of death and disability benefits (A/51/903, A/51/967, A/52/369 and A/52/410)

Introduction and general discussion

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on agenda item 142 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations; United Nations Logistics Base, Brindisi, and the proposals on the management of peacekeeping assets (A/50/907, A/50/905, A/51/985, A/51/803, A/51/957, A/52/380 and A/52/407))

* Following the adjournment of the 6th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Organization of work

2. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirtieth session [148] (A/52/17)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia (UNOMIL)

2. Executive session on the financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola (MONUA)/financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (UNAVEM)

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 6 October 1997

ALLIANCE OF SMALL ISLAND STATES

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 27 OF THE GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH COMMITTEES

(on renewing the United Nations: a programme for reform)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

GROUP OF 77

(on Fifth Committee matters)

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

Announcement

As from Wednesday, 1 October 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings as of 6 October will take place at 3.30 p.m in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 7 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m. **27th PLENARY MEETING** General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Uzbekistan

Central African Republic

Seychelles

Equatorial Guinea

Kyrgyzstan

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Rialuth Serge Vohor, Prime Minister of the Republic of Vanuatu

3 p.m. **28th PLENARY MEETING** General Assembly Hall

Conclusion of the general debate [9]:

Bahamas

Papua New Guinea

Mauritania

Eritrea

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Saudi Arabia

Kenya

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	informal meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	7th meeting	Conference Room 3
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 7th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will hold an informal meeting to consider its programme of work for the current session. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, 7 October 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The draft programme of work is available at the secretariat of the First Committee (room S-3170C).

The First Committee will hold its 2nd meeting to consider the organization of work. The meeting will take place on Thursday, 9 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

The First Committee will begin the general debate on its agenda items on Monday, 13 October 1997. Delegations are urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers, as soon as possible, with the secretariat (tel.: 963-5584).

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SECOND COMMITTEE

As recommended in General Assembly resolution 50/227, the Second Committee will hold informal consultations on all organizational matters on Thursday, 9 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

The lists of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee, are open for inscription. The general debate is scheduled to begin on Monday, 13 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the lists are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (Ms. June Knesl, tel.: 212-963-5709, fax: 212-963-5935).

The following advance unedited documents under agenda item 95 (Macroeconomic policy questions: (a) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries; and (d) External debt crisis and development) are available outside of room DC2-2126: Report of the Secretary-General on global financial integration: an update; and Report of the Secretary-General on sources for the financing of development.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for all items allocated to the Third Committee are open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with the programme contained in document A/C.3/52/L.1, as approved by the Committee at its 2nd meeting) on Monday, 13 October 1997, at 3 p.m. sharp. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee (Ms. Kate Starr Newell, tel.: 212-963-4248; fax: 212-963-5935 or 963-1712).

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

The Seventeenth Meeting of States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights will take place at United Nations Headquarters on Tuesday, 7 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2, in order to hold elections to fill a vacancy in the Human Rights Committee. Credentials should be submitted to the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (room S-2914).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The first part of the resumed substantive session of 1997 of the Economic and Social Council will be convened on Wednesday, 8 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The second part will be convened in December 1997. The provisional agenda for the resumed substantive session is contained in document E/1997/109. The items will be taken up as follows:

8 October 1997:

1. Reports, conclusions and recommendations of subsidiary bodies: Environmental questions: sustainable development: Arrangements for elections to the Bureau of the Committee on Sustainable Development; Future meetings of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests [7(b)]

2. Postponed elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments (E/1997/L.60, E/1997/L.19, E/1997/L.22 and E/1997/L.1/Add.3)

December 1997:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters: Selection of the themes for the high-level and coordination segments for the 1998 substantive session of the Council (E/1997/91, E/1997/92 and Add.1) [1]

2. Coordination, programme and other questions: Proclamation of international years [6 (i)] (E/1997/L.32)

3. Reports, conclusions and recommendations of subsidiary bodies: Human rights questions [7 (d)] E/1997/L.23 and Add.2 and E/1997/L.44)

4. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/227 [12] (A/52/155-E/1997/68 and Add.1, E/1996/97 and Add.1).

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In accordance with the decision taken at its resumed organizational session on 5 September 1997, the Committee for Programme and Coordination will hold its resumed thirty-seventh session at United Nations Headquarters for up to 5 days beginning Monday, 13 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The annotated provisional agenda has been issued as document E/AC.51/ 1997/Add.1.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 14 October 1997 at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room C.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-second session of the Commission (2-13 March 1998). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and armed conflict; (2) human rights of women; (3) the girl child; and (4) violence against women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (DC 2-1216), *no later than* Friday, 31 October 1997.

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold informal consultations on the reports of the Executive Board field visits to Jamaica, Turks and Caicos Islands and Cuba (DP/1997/CRP.24) and to Kyrgyzstan and Latvia (DP/1997/CRP.26) on Thursday, 9 October 1997, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a Workshop on the art of public speaking and managing meetings (chairing and participating) for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held from Wednesday, 15 to Friday, 17 October 1997.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent representatives on 24 September 1997. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 3 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

23rd plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Yousef bin Alawi bin Abdullah, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Oman, H.E. The Honourable Lakshman Kadirgamar, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka, H.E. Mr. Seyoum Mesfin, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia, and H.E. The Honourable Alexander Downer, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia.

H.E. The Honourable Kenny D. Anthony, Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Planning, Information and the Public Service of Saint Lucia, addressed the General Assembly.

The General Assembly heard a statement by H.E. Mr. Anastase Gasana, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Rwanda.

24th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Herizo Razafimahaleo, Vice-Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Madagascar, H.E. Mr. Fayez Tarawneh, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Jordan, H.E. Mr. Fathulla Jameel, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Maldives, H.E. The Honourable Patteson Oti, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Solomon Islands, H.E. Mr. Lamine Kamara, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Guinea, H.E. Mr. Abdulkarim Al-Eryany, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Yemen, and H.E. Mr. Destin-Arsène Tsaty-Boungou, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Francophonie of the Congo.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Turkey and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The representatives of Burundi and the United Republic of Tanzania made statements on points of order.

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 5th meeting

Improving the financial situation of the United Nations [117]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Management made a statement on the current financial situation of the United Nations.

Statements were made by the representatives of Belarus, Mexico, Cuba, Canada, the Philippines, France, Egypt, Pakistan, the United Republic of Tanzania, Brazil, the Syrian Arab Republic, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Uruguay, Thailand, Côte d' Ivoire, Japan, Indonesia, Ecuador, Portugal, Bolivia, Latvia, Australia, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Ukraine and Paraguay.

The Under-Secretary-General for Management replied to various questions posed.

Human resources management [153]

The Committee had before it a letter from the Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania addressed to the Secretary-General (A/51/955) and a response thereto from the Secretary-General (A/C.5/51/58).

Statements were made by the representatives of India, the United States, Algeria, Cuba, Ghana, the Syrian Arab Republic, Canada, China, Brazil, Panama, Mexico, Saudi Arabia and the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Chairman of the Group of 77 and China).

The Officer-in-Charge of the Office of Human Resources Management responded to questions posed.

It was agreed that the Committee would hold a further meeting on this issue at an appropriate time when the responses to the questions raised would be circulated in written form.

Other matters

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, the United States, Costa Rica, Pakistan, the Syrian Arab Republic and Mexico.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee also made a statement.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

OPEN-ENDED AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL FORUM ON FORESTS
Organizational session 5th and 6th meetings

Note: The summary of the 5th and 6th meetings of the Forum will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/193).

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Sixteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 3 OCTOBER 1997

416th and 417th meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the initial report of Trinidad and Tobago (CRC/C/11/Add.10).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee considered the item in closed session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 16 December 1966

Accession: Sri Lanka (3 October 1997)*

International Agreement on Jute and Jute Products, 1989, concluded at Geneva on 3 November 1989

Ratification: Belgium (2 October 1997)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Kenya
H.E. Mr. Njuguna M. Mahugu

Asian States:
Turkmenistan
H.E. Mrs. Aksoltan T. Ataeva

Eastern European States:
Azerbaijan
H.E. Mr. Eldar G. Kouliev

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Venezuela
H.E. Mr. Ramón Escovar-Salom

Western European and Other States:
Luxembourg
H.E. Mr. Jean-Louis Wolzfeld

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World Habitat Day 1997

World Habitat Day will be observed on Monday, 6 October 1997, from 9.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m in the Dag Hammarksjöld Library Auditorium. The meeting will consist of two panels, organized by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) in collaboration with the Wellness Foundation, Columbia University, City College of New York, and Pratt Institute, on the theme "Future Cities". The main focus of the panel discussions is on the role of partnership in the struggle towards sustainable human settlements. This event also includes the presentation of a United Nations film entitled "A Cyber-tale of Three Cities", shown at the 1997 Venice Film Festival. All members of delegations, Secretariat staff and the representatives of the non-governmental organizations are invited.

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Training courses for permanent missions

The second set of off-site Internet training course has been scheduled by the Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) to take place from 17 to 24 November 1997. The list of attendees should be submitted by Monday, 10 November, to Ms. Glenda San Pedro (fax: 963-0952). The courses offered will be: Netscape 3.0; Intermediate Internet; Introduction to HTML; Intermediate HTML; and Creating a Website.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

Material for insertion in the *Journal* should be addressed to Room S-1138 (extensions 33888, 36771 and 36776) (e.mail address: JOURNAL@UN.ORG)

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SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 7 October 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

4 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Sierra Leone

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

10 a.m.	27th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Organization of work of the fifty-second regular session of the General Assembly: letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/52/340/Add.1) [8].

2. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Uzbekistan

   Central African Republic

(continued overleaf)

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Seychelles

Equatorial Guinea

Kyrgyzstan

Address by His Excellency The Honourable Rialuth Serge Vohor, Prime Minister of the Republic of Vanuatu

Bahamas

3 p.m. 28th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Conclusion of the general debate [9]:

Papua New Guinea

Mauritania

Eritrea

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Saudi Arabia

Kenya

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. informal meeting (closed) Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 7th meeting Conference Room 3

1. Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [115]

   Report of the Secretary-General on the impact of approved savings measures on the implementation of mandated programmes and activities (A/C.5/51/53, A/52/7 and A/52/16)

   Introduction and general discussion

2. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [142]

   (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations:

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   Conclusion of general discussion

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 4th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Organization of work

2. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirtieth session [148] (A/52/17)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Board of Auditors

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

SEVENTEENTH MEETING OF STATES PARTIES

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 2

Announcements

Advance unedited copy of the report of the Secretary-General on "Funding modalities of operational activities as requested by the Economic and Social Council" will be available for pick-up from room S-2994.

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Tuesday, 7 October 1997

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 27 OF THE GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH COMMITTEES
(on renewing the United Nations: a programme for reform)

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES: COORDINATING BUREAU

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 8 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

3 p.m.	29th PLENARY MEETING	Conference Room 4

United Nations reform: measures and proposals: report of the Secretary-General (A/52/303 and Corr.1 (French only)) [157].

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 1

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will hold its 2nd meeting to consider the organization of work. The meeting will take place on Thursday, 9 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The 162nd (closed) meeting* of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait will take place on Wednesday, 8 October 1997, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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* The Chairman will give an oral briefing in Conference Room 7 immediately after the meeting. Following the oral briefing to the members, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press in the same room.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

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2. Coordination, programme and other questions: Proclamation of international years [6 (i)] (E/1997/L.32)

3. Reports, conclusions and recommendations of subsidiary bodies: Human rights questions [7 (d)] (E/1997/L.23 and Add.2 and E/1997/L.44)

4. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/227 [12] (A/52/155-E/1997/68 and Add.1, E/1996/97 and Add.1).

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In accordance with the decision taken at its resumed organizational session on 5 September 1997, the Committee for Programme and Coordination will hold its resumed thirty-seventh session at United Nations Headquarters for up to 5 days beginning Monday, 13 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The annotated provisional agenda has been issued as document E/AC.51/1997/1/Add.1.

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SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 3 October 1997

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

OPEN-ENDED AD HOC
INTERGOVERNMENTAL
FORUM ON FORESTS
Organizational session — 5th meeting

Election of officers [1]

The Forum elected, by acclamation, Ms. Micha Torres (Peru) as Vice-Chairperson of the organizational session.

Adoption of the report of the Forum on its first session [6]

The Forum began its consideration of the draft report contained in document E/CN.17/IFF/1997/L.1 and in an informal paper.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Australia, the United States, the Philippines, Brazil, Colombia, Canada, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Papua New Guinea, Venezuela, India, Indonesia, the Russian Federation, Switzerland and Peru.

Statements were also made by the observers for Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Malaysia and Ecuador.

The representative of FAO also made a statement.

6th meeting

Adoption of the report of the Forum on its first session [6]

The Forum continued its consideration of the draft report.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia, Switzerland, Venezuela, Australia, the United States and Canada.

Statements were also made by the observers for the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), New Zealand and Costa Rica.

The meeting was then suspended.

Upon resumption of the meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the United States, the Philippines, Australia, Venezuela, Brazil, Papua New Guinea, India, Canada, Japan, China, Indonesia and Switzerland, as well as by the observers for Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union), New Zealand, Nigeria and Malaysia.

The Secretary read out a statement prepared by the Budget Division.

The Forum then adopted the substantive part of the draft report contained in an informal paper and the procedural part of the report contained in document E/CN.17/IFF/1997/L.1.

Statements were made by the two Co-Chairpersons.

The first session of the Forum was then declared closed.

Monday, 6 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

25th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/52/350/Add.2) [120]

The General Assembly took note that Chad had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

Address by H.E. Mr. Glafcos Clerides, President of the Republic of Cyprus

H.E. Mr. Glafcos Clerides, President of the Republic of Cyprus, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Gabriele Gatti, Minister for Foreign and Political Affairs of San Marino, H.E. Mr. Eldar Kouliev, Chairman of the Delegation of Azerbaijan, Her Excellency The Honourable Billie Miller, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Tourism and International Transport of Barbados, H.E. Mr. Roble Olhaye, Chairman of the Delegation of Djibouti, H.E. Mr. Shukheriin Altangerel, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mongolia, and H.E. Mr. Omar Yusupha Njie, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of the Gambia.

26th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Fernando Delfim da Silva, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Guinea-Bissau, H.E. Mr. Dawa Tsering, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bhutan, H.E. Mr. Errol Glenn Snijders, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Suriname, H.E. The Honourable Lieutenant General Mompati S. Merafhe, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Botswana, and H.E. The Honourable Raphael Fletcher, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Legal Affairs and Local Government of Grenada.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Poland, Burundi and the United Republic of Tanzania.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 3rd meeting

Election of Rapporteur

In accordance with rule 103 of the rules of procedure, the Committee, by acclamation, elected Ms. Riitta Resch (Finland) as Rapporteur of the Committee.

The representative of Finland made a statement.

Agenda items 18 (chapters of the report of the Special Committee of 24 relating to specific Territories not already covered by other items), 90, 91, 92 and 12 and 93

The Rapporteur of the Special Committee on Decolonization introduced chapters of the report of the Special Committee (A/52/23 (Parts II to VI).

The Chairman (Papua New Guinea) of the Special Committee on Decolonization made a statement on the work of the Committee.

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Morocco and Algeria.

The Committee began its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Fiji, Uruguay and Grenada (on behalf of CARICOM).

A statement in the exercise of the right of reply was made by the representative of the United Kingdom.

Requests for hearing

The Committee considered eight communications containing requests for hearing, seven relating to Guam (A/C.4/52/2 and Add.1 to 5), and one relating to Western Sahara (A/C.4/52/4), under agenda item 18, which it decided to grant.

The Chairman informed the Committee of the receipt of five (5) more communications containing requests for hearing relating to Guam, Western Sahara and the Non-Self-Governing Territories, under agenda item 18, which the Committee decided to circulate as Committee documents.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 6th meeting

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [142]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations:

Third party liability; Reform of procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States regarding contingent-owned equipment; Detailed proposals on the implementation of death and disability benefits

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions presented the report of that Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Pakistan, Indonesia, the United States, Ghana, Bangladesh, Belgium, Nepal, Mexico and the Netherlands.

The Deputy Director for the Peacekeeping Financing Division responded to questions posed.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that the deadline for the submission of candidatures for the vacant posts in subsidiary organs of the General Assembly under agenda item 17 would be Monday, 20 October 1997.

Other matters

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Syrian Arab Republic and Cuba.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 3rd meeting

Organization of work [1]

The Committee elected Mr. Craig J. Daniell (South Africa) as one of its Vice-Chairmen.

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirtieth session [148]

The Chairman of UNCITRAL, Mr. Joseph Bossa (Uganda), introduced the report.

The Legal Counsel made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Germany, India, Paraguay (on behalf of the Rio Group), Finland (on behalf of the Nordic States), Malaysia, Thailand, the United Kingdom, the Russian Federation, Italy, Slovakia, Hungary and France.

The Chairman also spoke.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS
OF THE CHILD
Sixteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 6 OCTOBER 1997

418th and 419th meetings

General discussion on "The rights of children with disabilities" [6]

The Committee considered the item in presence of the representatives of States parties, United Nations bodies and agencies, non-governmental organizations, and other competent bodies and individuals.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Grains Agreement, 1995

(a) Grains Trade Convention, 1995, concluded at London on 7 December 1994

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 8 October 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Sierra Leone (S/1997/776 and S/1997/777)

Other matters

Morning*	3822nd meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Sierra Leone

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* Following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION 661 (1990) CONCERNING THE SITUATION BETWEEN IRAQ AND KUWAIT

3.30 p.m.	162nd meeting* (closed)	Conference Room 7

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* The Chairman of the Committee will give an oral briefing in Conference Room 7, immediately after the meeting. Following the oral briefing to members, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press in the same room.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

3 p.m. 29th PLENARY MEETING Conference Room 4

United Nations reform: measures and proposals [157]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/950);

(b) Conference room papers (A/52/CRP.1 and 2*).

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* Will be available at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 4th meeting Conference Room 2

1. Agenda items 18, 90, 91, 92 and 12 and 93

   General debate on all decolonization items: item 18 (A/52/23 (Parts II, V-VI), A/AC.109/2071-2072, 2074-2078, 2080-2082, 2084, 2086-2088, 2090); item 90 (A/52/23 (Part IV)*, chapter VIII, A/52/365); item 91 (A/52/23 (Part III)*); item 92 (A/52/3* (chapter V, section E), A/52/23 (Part IV)*, chapter VII, A/52/185, A/AC.109/L.1866, E/1987/81 and Add.1); item 93 (A/52/388)

2. Requests for hearing (A/C.4/52/2/Add.6, A/C.4/52/4/Add.1-3, A/C.4/52/5)

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* To be issued.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 5th meeting Conference Room 1

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [151] (A/52/33, A/52/308, A/52/317)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m.-6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Board of Auditors
2. Draft report on UNRWA

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session for 1997

10 a.m. 44th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1] (E/1997/109)
2. Reports, conclusions and recommendations of subsidiary bodies: Environmental questions: sustainable development: Arrangements for elections to the Bureau of the Committee on Sustainable Development; and Future meetings of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests [7(b)]
3. Postponed elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments [1] (E/1997/L./60, E/1997/L.19, E/1997/L.22 and E/1997/L.1/Add.3-4)

Announcements

Advance unedited copy of the report of the Secretary-General on "Funding modalities of operational activities as requested by the Economic and Social Council" is available for pick-up from room S-2994.

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Wednesday, 8 October 1997

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN GROUP: GROUP OF EXPERTS ON DISARMAMENT OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(on Second Committee organizational matters)

Morning*-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

* Immediately following the adjournment of the 44th meeting of the Economic and Social Council.

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Announcement

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FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 9 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 2

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	5th meeting	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will hold its 2nd meeting to consider the organization of work. The meeting will take place on Thursday, 9 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

The First Committee will begin the general debate on its agenda items on Monday, 13 October 1997. Delegations are urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers, as soon as possible, with the secretariat (tel.: 963-5584).

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SECOND COMMITTEE

As recommended in General Assembly resolution 50/227, the Second Committee will hold informal consultations on all organizational matters on Thursday, 9 October 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

The lists of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee, are open for inscription. The general debate is scheduled to begin on Monday, 13 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the lists are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (Ms. June Knesl, tel.: 212- 963-5709, fax: 212-963-5935).

The following advance unedited documents under agenda item 95 (Macroeconomic policy questions: (a) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries; and (d) External debt crisis and development) are available outside of room DC2-2126: Report of the Secretary-General on global financial integration: an update; and Report of the Secretary-General on sources for the financing of development.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

In accordance with the decision taken at its resumed organizational session on 5 September 1997, the Committee for Programme and Coordination will hold its resumed thirty-seventh session at United Nations Headquarters for up to 5 days beginning Monday, 13 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The annotated provisional agenda has been issued as document E/AC.51/1997/1/Add.1.

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Tuesday, 7 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

27h plenary meeting

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences (A/52/340/Add.1) [8]

The General Assembly adopted the recommendation of the Committee on Conferences contained in a letter from the Chairman of the Committee (A/52/340/Add.1) to authorize the Committee on Information to meet in New York during the main part of the fifty-second session of the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Abdulaziz Kamilov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan, H.E. Mr. Henry Koba, Chairman of the Delegation of the Central African Republic, H.E. Mr. Jeremie Bonnelame, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Seychelles, H.E. Don Miguel Oyono Ndong Mifumu, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Equatorial Guinea, H.E. Muratbek C. Imanaliev, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kyrgyzstan, and H.E. The Honourable G. Bostwick, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Bahamas.

H.E. The Honourable Rialuth Serge Vohor, Prime Minister of the Republic of Vanuatu, addressed the General Assembly.

28th plenary meeting

Conclusion of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. The Honourable Kilroy Genia, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Papua New Guinea, H.E. Mr. Ahmed Ould Minnih, Minister Secretary-General of the Presidency of Mauritania, H.E. Mr. Haile Weldensae, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Eritrea, H.E. The Honourable Alpian Allen, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Tourism and Information of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and H.E. The Honourable Stephen Kalonzo Musyoka, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Kenya.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Greece, the Sudan, Turkey and Cyprus.

The President made a statement.

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 7th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 [115]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and had before it a report of the Secretary-General on the impact of approved savings measures on the implementation of mandated programmes and activities (A/C.5/51/53), the relevant sections of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/52/7) and the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/52/16).

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the report of the Secretary-General.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Paraguay (on behalf of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela, Honduras (representing Central America) and Guyana (representing the Caribbean), Cuba, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of the Czech Republic, Romania, Cyprus, Slovakia, Slovenia and Lithuania), Kenya, Japan, Algeria, New Zealand, the United States, Australia, Mexico and Canada.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division responded to questions posed.

Other matters

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico and Cuba.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division responded to questions posed.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [142]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

(a) *Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations*

Third party liability; Reform of procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States regarding contingent-owned equipment; Detailed proposals on the implementation of death and disability benefits

Statements were made by the representatives of Nepal, Mexico, Pakistan and the United States.

The Deputy Director of Peacekeeping Financing Division and the Deputy Director of the Field Administration and Logistics Division of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations responded to questions posed at the previous and present meeting.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of these questions.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Mexico as well as by the Chairman of the Committee.

Other matters

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, the Philippines and Japan.

The Secretary of the Committee responded to a question posed.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 4th meeting

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirtieth session [148]

Statements were made by representatives of Austria, Kenya, Indonesia, the Czech Republic, Malawi (on behalf of the States Members of the Southern African Development Coordinating Committee (SADC)), Belarus, China, Ukraine, Egypt, the United States, Australia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Canada, Morocco and the Republic of Korea.

The Chairman of UNCITRAL, Mr. Bossa, made a concluding statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of UNCITRAL's report.

Organization of work

The Committee elected Mrs. Socorro Flores (Mexico) as Chairman of the Working Group on the United Nations Decade of International Law.

The Chairman made a statement.

Upon adjournment of the meeting the Working Group on the Decade began its work.

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International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

SEVENTEENTH MEETING OF STATES PARTIES 23rd meeting

Note: The summary of the 23rd meeting of the States Parties will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/195).

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Sixteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 7 OCTOBER 1997

420th and 421st meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of Togo (CRC/C/3/Add.42).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 9 October 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.45 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Croatia (S/1997/767)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 2nd meeting Conference Room 2

Organization of work

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 5th meeting Conference Room 2

1. Agenda items 18, 90, 91, 92 and 12 and 93

Hearing of petitioners (A/C.4/52/4 and Add.1-3, A/C.4/52/5)

Hearing of a representative of a Non-Self-Governing Territory: Gibraltar

General debate on all decolonization agenda items: item 18 (A/52/23 (Parts II, V-VI), A/C.4/52/L.3 and L.4), A/AC.109/2071-2072, 2074-2078, 2080-2082, 2084, 2086-2088, 2090); item 90 (A/52/23 (Part IV)* (Chapter VIII), A/52/365); item 91 (A/52/23 (Part III)*); item 92 (A/52/3* (Chapter V, section E), A/52/23 (Part IV)* (Chapter VII), A/52/185, A/AC.109/L.1866, E/1987/81 and Add.1); item 93 (A/52/388 and Add.1)

2. Request for hearing (A/C.4/52/2/Add.7)

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* To be issued.

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7

Informal consultations by the Chairman of the Second Committee on all organizational matters of the Committee, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/227

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 142 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations): (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: Third party liability; Reform of procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States regarding contingent-owned equipment; Detailed proposals on the implementation of death and disability benefits (A/51/903, A/51/967, A/52/369 and A/52/410); United Nations Logistics Base, Brindisi; Proposals on the management of peacekeeping assets; (A/50/907, A/50/905, A/51/985, A/51/803, A/51/957, A/52/380 and A/52/407)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Review of the efficiency of the administration and financial functioning of the United Nations: Strengthening of the external oversight mechanisms (A/49/471 and Corr.1, A/49/633, A/49/368 and Corr.1 and A/51/674))

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund: Administrative expenses of UNJSPF (A/52/278); Membership of the Investments Committee

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the reports of the Executive Board field visits to Jamaica, Turks and Caicos Islands and Cuba (DP/1997/CRP.24) and to Kyrgyzstan and Latvia (DP/1997/CRP.26)

Announcements

Advance unedited copy of the report of the Secretary-General on "Funding modalities of operational activities as requested by the Economic and Social Council" is available for pick-up from room S-2994.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 9 October 1997

GROUP OF 77
(on Second Committee organizational matters)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

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Forum

The Nineteenth Annual Forum of the Parliamentarians for Global Action, entitled "Crafting Lasting Peace", will be held *today*, 9 October 1997, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 3.

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Briefing

The daily briefing of the Spokesman for the Secretary-General for press officers of Member States of the United Nations will be held at 12.30 p.m. in room S-226.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 1 October 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings as of 6 October will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 10 October 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	6th meeting	Conference Room 2

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will begin the general debate on its agenda items on Monday, 13 October 1997. Delegations are urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers, as soon as possible, with the secretariat (tel.: 963-5584).

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee, are open for inscription. The general debate is scheduled to begin on Monday, 13 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the lists are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (Ms. June Knesl, tel.: 212-963-5709, fax: 212-963-5935).

The following advance unedited documents under agenda item 95 (Macroeconomic policy questions: (a) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries; and (d) External debt crisis and development) are available outside of room DC2-2126: Report of the Secretary-General on global financial integration: an update; and Report of the Secretary-General on sources for the financing of development.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for all items allocated to the Third Committee are open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with the programme contained in document A/C.3/52/L.1, as approved by the Committee at its 2nd meeting) on Monday, 13 October 1997, at 3 p.m. sharp. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee (Ms. Kate Starr Newell, tel.: 212-963-4248; fax: 212-963-5935 or 963-1712).

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The 187th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Wednesday, 15 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6. Delegations are encouraged to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise in the Committee, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/49/46, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Secretary or the Chairman of the Committee (room S-3420D), any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

In accordance with the decision taken at its resumed organizational session on 5 September 1997, the Committee for Programme and Coordination will hold its resumed thirty-seventh session at United Nations Headquarters for up to 5 days beginning Monday, 13 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The annotated provisional agenda has been issued as document E/AC.51/1997/1/Add.1.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 14 October 1997 at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room C.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-second session of the Commission (2-13 March 1998). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and armed conflict; (2) human rights of women; (3) the girl child; and (4) violence against women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (DC2-1216), *no later than* Friday, 31 October 1997.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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The first meeting of the International Steering Committee for the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth will be convened at Headquarters, in cooperation with the United Nations, under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Antonio Jose Martins Seguro, Secretary of State for Youth of the Republic of Portugal, from 14 to 16 October 1997. The International Steering Committee is open to all Member States, Non-member States maintaining permanent observer missions at Headquarters, and intergovernmental organizations, other organizations and entities which have received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly. Among the issues to be discussed will be the adoption of the Committee's rules of procedure, including the accreditation of other observers from intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations. The provisional agenda for the meeting of the Steering Committee is available at the Permanent Mission of Portugal (tel. (212) 759-9444) and at the office of the United Nations Youth Unit (DESA/DSPD) ((212) 963-3791).

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Briefing

A briefing on the United Nations Stand-by-Forces High Readiness Brigade, SHIRBRIG, will be held on Monday, 20 October 1997, from 3 p.m. to 3.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The presentation is prepared to the benefit of permanent representatives, peacekeeping experts and military advisers, as well as Secretariat staff. The presentation will be given by the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Jorgen Bøjer, and the Commanding Officer of SHIRBRIG, Brigadier General Finn Sørmark-Thomsen. The presentation will be followed by a question-and-discussion period.

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 7 October 1997

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

MEETING OF STATES PARTIES
Seventeenth meeting 23rd meeting

Opening of the meeting [1]

The meeting was opened by the representative of the Secretary-General, who made a statement.

Election of the Chairman [2]

The representative of Slovakia made a statement.

The representative of the Secretary-General made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Hugo Saguier Caballero (Paraguay) was elected as Chairman of Meeting by acclamation.

Adoption of the agenda [3]

The Meeting adopted the provisional agenda submitted by the Secretary-General (CCPR/SP/49).

Election of the Officers of the Meeting [4]

The Chairman made a statement.

The representatives of Costa Rica and Azerbaijan made statements.

The Meeting elected Mr. Rene Akurone (Netherlands) and H.E. Dr. Oskaras Jusys (Lituania) as Vice-Chairmen.

Election, in accordance with articles 28 to 34 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, of one member of the Human Rights Committee to fill a casual vacancy which arose because of the death of one member (CCPR/SP/50 and Add. 1-4) [5]

The representatives of Madagascar and Benin made statements.

The following candidate was elected after the first ballot as member of the Human Rights Committee for a term ending on 31 December 2000: Mr. Abdallah Zakhia (Lebanon).

The representatives of Benin and Lebanon made statements.

Other matters

The representative of Costa Rica made a statement.

Closure of the Meeting

The Seventeenth Meeting of the States Parties was declared closed.

Wednesday, 8 October 1997

SECURITY COUNCIL

3822nd meeting

The situation in Sierra Leone

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Nigeria and Sierra Leone, at their request, to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution (S/1997/777) which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Sierra Leone and Nigeria.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1997/777).

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Kenya, France, the United Kingdom, Poland, the Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation, by the Vice-minister for Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica, by the representatives of Sweden, Japan, Egypt, Portugal, China, Guinea-Bissau and the United States, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Chile.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1997/777) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1132 (1997).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

29th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 29th plenary meeting will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/196).

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) — 4th meeting

Agenda items 18 (chapters of the report of the Special Committee of 24 relating to specific Territories not already covered by other items), 90, 91, 92 and 12 and 93

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Chile, Algeria, Ghana, Uruguay (also on behalf of Member countries of MERCOSUR (Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay), as well as Bolivia and Chile), Paraguay (also on behalf of the Rio Group (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela) as well as Honduras, representing the Central American States), Thailand (also on behalf of the Member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore and Viet Nam)), the United States, Cuba, New Zealand, Iraq, China, Jamaica and Botswana.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, the United States and Cuba.

The representative of Papua New Guinea introduced before the Committee a draft resolution, under agenda item 18, on the Decolonization Programme in the United Nations system which he requested the Secretariat to circulate as an official document of the Fourth Committee.

The representative of the United States made a statement on a point of order.

Statements were made by the representatives of Bolivia, Romania, Cuba, the United States, the Syrian Arab Republic, Portugal, Papua New Guinea, as well as by the Secretary of the Committee and the Director for General Assembly and Economic and Social Council Affairs Division.

Requests for hearing

Statements were made by the representative of Papua New Guinea and the Secretary of the Committee.

The Chairman drew members' attention to a technical error in document A/C.4/52/4/Add.4.

The Committee considered five communications containing requests for hearing, three relating to Western Sahara (A/C.4/52/4/Add.1-3), one relating to Guam (A/C.4/52/2/Add.6) and one relating to all the Non-Self-Governing Territories (A/C.4/52/5), under agenda item 18, which it decided to grant.

The Chairman informed the Committee of the receipt of one more communication containing a request for hearing relating to Guam, under agenda item 18, which the Committee decided to circulate as a Committee document.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that on Monday, 13 October 1997, the Committee would begin its consideration of agenda item 84 (Effects of atomic radiation). Delegations were urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible.

SIXTH COMMITTEE — 5th meeting

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [151]

The Vice-Chairman of the Special Committee, Ms. Maria Lourdes Ramiro-López (Philippines) introduced the report on behalf of the Chairman, Mr. Dusan Rovensky (Czech Republic).

Statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union), Portugal, India, Israel, Bulgaria and Namibia.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of Tunisia also spoke.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session for 1997

44th meeting

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1]

The Council adopted the provisional agenda for the resumed session, as contained in document E/1997/109.

The representative of Mexico made a statement.

Reports, conclusions and recommendations of subsidiary bodies: Environmental questions: sustainable development: Future meetings of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests [7(b)]

Consideration of the future meetings of the Intergovernmental Forum on Forests was postponed to the next resumed session of the Council in December.

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments [1]

The Council confirmed the representatives to the functional commissions listed in documents E/1997/L.1/Add.3 and 4.

The Council took the following action with regard to elections and nominations postponed from previous sessions:

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

The following States were elected by acclamation: Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cuba and Romania for a term beginning on 1 January 1998.

The drawing of lots to determine the terms of office of the newly elected members was postponed to a future session.

The Council also postponed to a future session the election of eight members from Asian States, one member from Eastern European States, seven members from Latin American and Caribbean States and seven members from Western European and other States for a term beginning on 1 January 1998.

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

Following a statement by the representative of Brazil, the Council elected Brazil and Pakistan for a 3-year term beginning on 1 January 1998 and Germany and Lebanon for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1999.

The Council postponed to a future session the election of: (a) Three members from Asian States, one member from Eastern European States and two members from Latin American and Caribbean States for a 3-year term beginning on 1 January 1998; (b) One member from Asian States, two members from Latin American and Caribbean States and two members from Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1999; (c) One member from African States and two members from Latin American and Caribbean States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1997.

Committee for Development Planning

The Council extended the term of appointment of the 24 experts listed in document E/1997/L.22 for one year beginning 1 January 1998.

Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods

The Council endorsed the decision to approve the application of South Africa for full membership in the Committee.

Reports, conclusions and recommendations of subsidiary bodies: Environmental questions: sustainable development: Arrangements for elections to the Bureau of the Committee on Sustainable Development [7(b)]

The Council resumed consideration of the item.

On the proposal of the President, the Council suspended its formal meeting in order to hold informal consultations on a draft decision which had been circulated, entitled "Programme of work of the Commission on Sustainable Development for the period 1998-2000 and future methods of work of the Commission".

Upon the resumption of the formal meeting, the Vice-President of the Council (H.E. Mr. Anwarul Chowdhury (Bangladesh)) reported on the informal consultations held on the draft proposal.

The Council then adopted the draft decision.

Organizational matters

The Secretary of the Council responded to questions raised by the representatives of Mexico, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Korea and Romania.

The representative of Bangladesh made a statement.

The resumed substantive session was suspended.

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS
OF THE CHILD
Sixteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 8 OCTOBER 1997

422nd meeting

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the initial report of Togo (CRC/C/3/Add.42).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

423rd (closed) meeting

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee considered the item in closed session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Agreement Establishing the Caribbean Development Bank, with Protocol to Provide for Procedure for Amendment of Article 36 of the Agreement, done at Kingston, Jamaica, on 18 October 1969

Accession: China (3 October 1997)*

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* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today,* 9 October 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Training courses for permanent missions

The second set of off-site Internet training course has been scheduled by the Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) to take place from 17 to 24 November 1997. The list of attendees should be submitted by Monday, 10 November, to Ms. Glenda San Pedro (fax: 963-0952). The courses offered will be: Netscape 3.0; Intermediate Internet; Introduction to HTML; Intermediate HTML; and Creating a Website.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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